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5. The apparatus for providing map information according to claim 3, wherein said information extraction means extracts the necessary passing point information which is on the optimum route according to calculation of the route of shortest required time between at least two points on the map data.

15. The method for providing map information according to claim 13, wherein said extracting step extracts the necessary passing point information which is on the optimum route according to calculation of the route of shortest time required between at least two points on the map data.

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## ABSTRACT:

An apparatus for providing map information includes a route calculating module for extracting crossing information on a map, a navigation guidance generating module for generating images near the crossing extracted and a rally map generating module for disposing the generated images near the crossing in fixed sequence, and is constructed to output the images of the crossing disposed in the fixed sequence. Therefore, even if a personal computers are not provided with the same software and a navigation apparatus made by the same manufacturer and a portable computer are not carried, it is able to provide the apparatus for providing map information that is possible to provide or use easily to understand searched route information.

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